

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the last paragraph of page 15 of the Application beginning with "In one embodiment, communication between search managers..." with the following replacement paragraph:

In one embodiment, communication between search managers and search engines, and between search engines, is accomplished by way of a Common Gateway Interface (CGI) entry point. This entry point may have a “standard”, e.g. predetermined, name, such as “/_search”. This entry point may be located in the root directory of a web server, which operates on port 80, in manners well known in the art. A message may be submitted to the search engine as follows:

~~http://www.search_engine.com/_search?query = "a phrase"~~ Here, “search_engine” is a domain name of a search engine that includes information comprising “query = ‘a phrase’” where “query” “Query” is a keyword which indicates that the text which follows defines a query. See Table 2 for more details about one embodiment of a query message schema, including keyword definitions and their meanings.

Please replace the Abstract with the following replacement Abstract: